### Using Spin Chains for Three-Point Functions in $\mathcal{N} = 4$ SYM



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### **Operator Product Expansion**



General correlation functions can be computed through the Operator Product Expansion (OPE)

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$$\mathcal{O} = \mathrm{Tr}\left(Z\bar{Z}XYZ\ldots\right)$$

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$$\langle \mathcal{O}_A(x_1)\mathcal{O}_B(x_2)\rangle_{\text{tree}} = \left(\frac{\delta_{AB}}{|x_{12}|^2}\right)^L = \frac{\delta_{AB}}{|x_{12}|^{2\Delta_0}} \sim \langle p_1|p_2\rangle$$

• The planar or 't Hooft limit  $N_c \to \infty$  only includes planar graphs of the  $SU(N_c)$  gauge theory.

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- Related to diagonal form factors<sup>3</sup>

 $\langle p_1,\ldots,p_N | \hat{\mathcal{O}}_L | p_1,\ldots,p_N \rangle$ 

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■ Compare to<sup>5</sup>

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- Quantum Integrability:
  - Infinitely many integrals of motion
  - $\rightarrow~{\rm Conservation}$  of individual momenta
  - $\rightarrow~$  Factorized scattering

### Result for general Operators

• Asymptotic three-point function for one excited operator:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_1^{\bullet}(\mathbf{p})\mathcal{O}_2^{\circ}\mathcal{O}_3^{\circ}\rangle = \frac{C_{123}^{\bullet\circ\circ}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_{AB}}|x_{13}|^{\Delta_{AC}}|x_{23}|^{\Delta_{BC}}},$$

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$$\left(\frac{C_{123}^{\bullet\circ\circ}}{C_{123}^{\circ\circ\circ}}\right)^2 = \frac{\left\langle \mathbf{p}^{\mathrm{II},\dots} | \mathbf{p}^{\mathrm{II},\dots} \right\rangle^2 \prod_{k=1}^{K} \mu(p_k)}{\left\langle \mathbf{p} | \mathbf{p} \right\rangle \prod_{i < j} S(p_i, p_j)} \mathcal{A}^2,$$

where the sum over partitions onto the two hexagons is given by

$$\mathcal{A} = \prod_{i < j} h(p_i, p_j) \sum_{\alpha \cup \bar{\alpha} = \mathbf{p}} (-1)^{|\bar{\alpha}|} \prod_{j \in \bar{\alpha}} f(p_j) e^{ip_j \ell_{21}} \prod_{i \in \alpha, j \in \bar{\alpha}} \frac{1}{h(p_i, p_j)}.$$

• Translation to spin chain states not known in general

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### **Results** in Subsectors

- Volume dependence of Heavy-Heavy-Light three-point functions<sup>7</sup>
- Three-point functions in SU(1|1) sector (fermions)<sup>8</sup>

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  - $\Rightarrow$  Calculate three-point function known to all orders

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### **Backup Slides**

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### Anomalous Dimension Matrix

Loop corrections lead to divergenciesExample of quartic vertex:

$$\int \frac{\mathrm{d}^4 x_0}{|x_{01}|^4 |x_{02}|^4} = \frac{2\pi^2 i}{|x_{12}|^4} \log |\Lambda x_{12}|^2$$

Renormalise with

• Scaling Dimension:  $\Delta = \Delta_0 + \gamma = L + \gamma$ 

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 $\int \mathrm{d}^4 x_0 \, g^2 \mathcal{L}_4(x_0)$ 

 $\mathcal{O}(x_1)$ 

### Diagonalising $\Gamma$

Minahan & Zarembo (2002):



• Heisenberg spin chain Hamiltonian (SU(2) sector)

$$\Gamma = H \sim \sum_{l=1}^{L} (I_{l,l+1} - P_{l,l+1}), \qquad L+1 \equiv 1$$

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### Diagonalising $\Gamma$ in higher rank sectors

• Change notation to  $Z \cong \theta$ ,  $X \cong \overset{u(p_1)}{\theta}$ 

• Roots (or rapidities)  $u_k \equiv u(p_k)$  instead of momenta  $p_k$ 

• e.g. two-magnon state reads

$$|p_1 < p_2\rangle \equiv \sum_{n_1 < n_2} e^{ip_1n_1 + ip_2n_2} |\theta_1 \dots \theta_{n_1}^{u_1} \dots \theta_{n_2}^{u_2} \dots \theta_L\rangle$$

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• Fields: 
$$Z \cong \theta, \ X \cong \overset{u_1}{\theta}, \ Y \cong \overset{w_1}{\theta}$$

• All six scalar fields:  $SO(6) \cong SU(4)$ 

• 
$$Z \cong \theta$$
,  $X \cong \overset{u}{\theta}$ ,  $Y \cong \overset{u}{\theta}$ ,  $\bar{Y} \cong \overset{u}{\theta}$ ,  $\bar{X} \cong \overset{u}{\theta}$ ,  $\bar{Z} \cong \overset{u}{\theta}$ 





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 $\{u\}_{\theta} \quad \{w\}$ 

 $|\psi\rangle$ 

 $|\Psi
angle$ 

• Lagrangian density is descendant of the full PSU(2,2|4) symmetry



- Need to understand how to construct the Lagrangian in the spin chain framework
- Limits are highly ambiguous: Different orders give different results

### Goal

- Calculate  $\langle \mathcal{O}_A(x_1)\mathcal{L}(x_2)\mathcal{O}_A(x_3)\rangle$
- $\blacksquare$  Lagrangian density is a supersymmetry descendant  $\rightarrow$  less understood

$$\mathcal{L} \sim Q^4 \operatorname{Tr}(\phi \phi)$$

Lagrangian insertion procedure<sup>9</sup> used to calculate correlators and amplitudes

• Currently most advanced method for Structure Constants: Hexagon Approach<sup>5</sup>

- Non-perturbative, but a conjecture
- Corrections:  $\sim \operatorname{Pol}(1/L)$  but not  $\sim e^{-L}$
- $C_{AA\mathcal{L}}$  known exactly<sup>6</sup>:

$$2\pi^2 C_{AA\mathcal{L}} = -g^2 \frac{\partial \gamma_A}{\partial g^2}$$
 with  $\gamma = \Delta - \Delta_0$ 

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### Limit to Descendant State





• SO(6) calculation reproduces expected result<sup>7</sup>

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### Three-point functions and Structure Constants

• Coefficient appearing in the three-point function

$$\langle \mathcal{O}_A(x_1)\mathcal{O}_B(x_2)\mathcal{O}_C(x_3)\rangle = \frac{C_{ABC}}{|x_{12}|^{\Delta_{AB}}|x_{13}|^{\Delta_{AC}}|x_{23}|^{\Delta_{BC}}},$$

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• Special structure constant known to all orders<sup>8</sup>:

$$2\pi^2 C_{AA\mathcal{L}} = -g^2 \frac{\partial \gamma_A}{\partial g^2}$$

• Goal: Understand this relation in the integrability setup

At one-loop

$$-2\pi^{2}C_{AA\mathcal{L}}^{(\text{one-loop})} = -2\pi^{2} \langle \mathcal{O}_{A} | \hat{\mathcal{L}} | \mathcal{O}_{A} \rangle = \langle \mathcal{O}_{A} | H | \mathcal{O}_{A} \rangle = \gamma_{A}^{(\text{tree})}$$

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